



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

March 18th, 2025

**HELD AT 671 WOODLAND PARKWAY, VERNON HILLS,
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY ILLNOIS**

Trustee Kennedy called the March 18th, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Station 53 (671 Woodlands Parkway) Training Room.

Roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Chris Kennedy–present;
Trustee Julia Hamilton – present; Trustee Wendy Meister-present. Quorum present.

Also, in attendance were Chief Tom Krueger, Deputy Chief Eric Levernier, Deputy Chief Mike Brown, James Howard - Governmental Accounting (electronic media); IT Coordinator/Project Manager Keith Halfman, Attorney Kelli Melin, members of the LRFD and LRFD family members.

Public comment – None

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve February 18th, 2025, regular and closed meeting minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hamilton–yes; Trustee Meister-yes Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: James Howard-Governmental Accounting reviewed the March 2025 Treasurer’s report with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hamilton – yes; Trustee Meister-yes Motion carried.

CURRENT MONTHLY BILLS: A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to ratify paid bills for the current month by the Board List of Bills report in the amount of \$286,320.10 seconded by Trustee Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hamilton – yes; Trustee Meister-yes Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Melin stated no attorney report.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Tom Krueger updated the Board on:

1. Four (4) LRFD members remain on “leave” status due to on and off duty injury/illness. One (1) member returned to full duty on March 18th.
2. Chief Krueger updated the Board on his community speaking engagements and future community meeting sessions regarding the April 1st bond referendum.
3. Chief Krueger updated the Board on current labor negotiations.
4. Chief Krueger advised the Board that several of our LRFD members were awarded the “Unit Citation Award” by the Officer of the State Fire Marshal for their heroic efforts at the April 4th 2024 structure fire that resulted in the rescuing of two (2) civilians. The award ceremony will take place on May 12th, with pre-ceremonial activities taking place on May 11th at the State Capital.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Firefighter Jeff Pabich was acknowledged and presented his firefighter badge for his successful completion of probation with his family present.
2. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve Resolution 24-25-02 (Surplus Equipment), seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hamilton–yes; Trustee Meister–yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made to enter into closed session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters concerning 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (2), and (5) by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hamilton – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

Closed session was entered at 7:33 p.m.

Present at the closed session were Attorney Kelli Melin, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Meister, Trustee Hamilton, Chief Tom Krueger, Deputy Chief Eric Levernier and Deputy Chief Mike Brown.

At 8:03 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Meister to exit closed session, and enter into regular open meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hamilton – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:03 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: No action taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Signature of District documents, as applicable

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hamilton – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Trustees (LRFPD)